

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (previously cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A closing device for a plastics injection molding machine of the type having a stationary mold clamping plate and a movable mold clamping plate, said closing device comprising

a lever mechanism for moving the movable mold clamping plate,

a force transmission element attached to the lever mechanism, and

at least one double comb linear motor ~~for pivoting~~ which can drive said force transmission element in order to pivot said lever mechanism in order to move said movable mold clamping plate relative to said stationary mold clamping plate.

Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A closing device as in claim 17 ~~wherein said at least one linear motor comprises two motors arranged pairwise one above the other~~ comprising two said double comb linear motors.

Claim 20 (original): A closing device as in claim 17 wherein said force transmission element is an actuating frame, said lever mechanism comprising an outward acting toggle lever mechanism connected to said actuating frame.

Claim 21 (original): A closing device as in claim 17 wherein said force transmission element is a crosshead, said lever mechanism comprising an inward acting toggle lever mechanism connected to said crosshead.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A closing device as in claim 17 wherein said toggle lever mechanism ~~is a toggle lever mechanism comprising two toggle levers~~ comprises a double toggle lever.

Claim 23 (original): A closing device as in claim 22 wherein said toggle lever mechanism is a five point toggle lever mechanism further comprising a connecting lever connecting said force transmission element to one of said toggle levers.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A closing device as in claim 17 further comprising a stationary end plate, each said double comb linear motor comprising a pair of reaction ~~rail~~ rails and ~~an a pair of~~ inductor ~~comb~~ combs, said reaction ~~rail~~ rails being fixed in said force transmission element, said ~~comb~~ combs being fixed in said end plate.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A closing device as in claim 17 further comprising a stationary end plate, each said double comb linear motor comprising ~~a~~ at least one reaction rail and

~~an~~ a pair of inductor ~~comb~~ combs, said reaction rail being fixed to said stationary end plate, said inductor combs being fixed in at least one of said force transmission element and said movable mold clamping plate.

Claim 26 (original): A closing device as in claim 25 further comprising a drag line for supplying energy and coolant to said combs.

Claim 27 (original): A closing device as in claim 17 wherein said lever mechanism is a toggle lever mechanism which can lock the movable mold clamping plate in a closed position without being driven in the closed position.

Claim 28 (original): A closing device as in claim 17 further comprising an arresting device which prevents the movable mold plate from opening without being driven when said movable mold plate is in a closed position, said lever mechanism comprising at least one lever which is acted on by said arresting device.

Claim 29 (original): A closing device as in claim 28 wherein said arresting device is in spring loaded frictional engagement with said lever when said arresting device is not driven.

Claim 30 (original): A closing device as in claim 28 wherein said arresting device comprises a wedge-shaped stop block which acts on said lever in a form-locking manner when said movable mold plate is in said closed position.

Claim 31 (original): A closing device as in claim 28 wherein said arresting device comprises a linear motor which drives said arresting device.

Claim 32 (original): A closing device as in claim 25 wherein at least one of said reaction rails is a tie bar fixed to said stationary end plate and to said stationary mold clamping plate, said tie bar having a hollow rectangular cross section.

Claim 33 (new): A closing device as in claim 20 wherein one said double comb linear motor comprises a pair of inductor combs on said actuating frame.

Claim 34 (new): A closing device as in claim 20 wherein said lever mechanism comprises a pair of outward acting toggle lever mechanisms connected to said actuating frame.

Claim 35 (new): A closing device as in claim 21 wherein one said double comb linear motor comprises a pair of inductor combs fixed in a stationary end plate and a pair of reactor rails fixed to said crosshead.

Claim 36 (new): A closing device as in claim 21 wherein said lever mechanism comprises a pair of inward acting toggle lever mechanisms connected to said crosshead.

Claim 37 (new): A closing device as in claim 25 wherein one said double comb linear motor comprises an inductor comb fixed in said force transmission element and inductor comb fixed in said movable mold clamping plate.